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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Status of Legislation of County Interest

County-opposed AB 81 (Torrico), which would extend the timeframe to safely surrender a newborn from 72-hours to 30 days and allow cities to designate fire departments as safe surrender sites as long as they have consulted with county boards of supervisors and child welfare agencies, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 26, 2007 by a vote of 5 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Public Safety Committee.

County-supported AB 184 (Bass), which would appropriate \$3.0 million from the State General Fund to provide Independent Living Program services to qualified former foster youth, passed the Senate Human Services Committee on June 26, 2007 by a vote of 3 to 2, and now proceeds to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

County-opposed AB 419 (Lieber), which would extend safety employee temporary disability benefits to additional employees, was approved by the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee on Wednesday, June 27, 2007. The vote was 3 to 1, and the measure will next be referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 845 (Bass), an urgency measure that would provide for an additional \$10.525 million to cover a deficiency in the current fiscal year for the Transitional Housing Program (THP)-Plus, failed passage on the Senate Floor on June 28, 2007 by a partisan vote of 23 to 13. The THP-Plus program provides services to help emancipated foster youth between 18 and 24 years of age avoid homelessness, incarceration, and reliance on public assistance.

Senate President pro Tempore Perata stated that AB 845 was needed to help 700 emancipated foster youth obtain affordable housing and to learn life skills that would help them transition to self-sufficiency. Senator Perata stated that it was the State's responsibility, and not the counties, to provide transitional housing services to emancipated foster youth. Senator Ducheny added that one of the largest expenditures in the State Budget is in the corrections system, and that 70 percent of incarcerated persons are former foster youth. Senator Ducheny also stated that this cost effective program could help to prevent the next generation of welfare mothers and State prisoners. Senate Republicans, including Senators Runner and Ackerman, stated that their opposition to the bill is centered on the increasing expenditures of the THP-Plus program, especially in light of the State's deficit.

County-opposed unless amended AB 1581 (Fuller), which would require traffic-actuated signals to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway, passed the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on June 27, 2007, by a vote of 9 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Our Sacramento advocates will continue to oppose this bill unless it is amended to limit the detection of bicycles to intersections along designated bike routes and reimburse local agencies for all costs associated with the bill's requirements.

County-supported SB 120 (Padilla), would require that all chain restaurants in the State with ten or more outlets to provide nutritional information that includes the total number of calories, grams of saturated and trans fats, and milligrams of sodium for each item on standard menus, passed the Assembly Health Committee on June 26, 2007 by a vote of 9 to 5, and it now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 275 (Cedillo), as amended on June 26, 2007, would prohibit a hospital from causing a patient to be transported to a location other than the patient's residence or another health facility without the patient's clear and explicit consent. SB 275 establishes authority for a civil action to be brought against the hospital with fines of no less than \$250,000 for the first violation, and \$500,000 for the second violation. It also would make a hospital guilty of the crime of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$500,000 if the facility has two previous violations, which would expose the hospital to a possible loss of federal funding. SB 275 is scheduled for hearing on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

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County-supported SB 720 (Kuehl), which would expand the definition of a whole family foster home to include existing foster homes and non-related legal guardian homes, passed the Assembly Human Services Committee on June 26, 2007 by a vote of 7 to 0, and now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-sponsored SB 767 (Ridley-Thomas), which would provide licensed health care professionals with immunity from civil and criminal liability for prescribing, dispensing, or distributing an opioid antagonist, passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee on June 26, 2007 on its consent calendar by a vote of 10 to 0, and now proceeds to the Assembly Health Committee.

County-opposed SB 942 (Migden), which would enact penalties for failure to return an injured employee back to work within five days of receipt of a written notice from the treating physician, was approved by the Assembly Insurance Committee on Wednesday, June 27, 2007. The vote was 7 to 3, and the measure now proceeds directly to the Assembly Floor.

Master Bill List

A roster containing the status of all bills with a County advocacy position is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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California Contract Cities Association
Independent Cities Association
League of California Cities
City Managers Associations
Buddy Program Participants

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2007-08 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 29	Hancock	Support if Amended as indicated in State Update (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to use funds allocated from Proposition 1C to make infrastructure grants for construction or acquisition of capital assets to qualifying local jurisdictions. This bill addresses: 1) the legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; 3) application review; and 4) the time-limit to complete projects for the \$850 million set aside in Proposition 1C for infill development related activities.	Assembly Housing and Community Development Appropriations Suspense File
AB 49	Arambula	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would add the extreme cold temperatures that occurred during the month of January 2007, to the list of natural disasters eligible for full State reimbursement of local agency costs under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act. Additionally, this bill would authorize the State Department of Finance to transfer funds to the California Small Business Expansion fund to make loan guarantees to businesses in areas affected by this natural disaster. Urgency measure.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 70	Jones	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to narrow the circumstances which would subject local governments to joint liability with the State with respect to failed flood control projects.	Senate Judiciary
		Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Still did the same but was limited to apply only to flood control projects within the Sacramento and San Joaquin watersheds.	
		Oppose (State Update: 4/11/07)	INITIALLY: Would have decreased the State's liability by requiring any local public entity to compensate the State for actions contributing, or whose failure to act contributes, to the failure of a flood control project when that failure causes property damage or personal injury and a judgment has been entered against the State. The bill would have subjected a local public entity to joint liability and the State's right of compensation to the extent that the local public entity increased the amount of property damage sustained in a flood by approving new development in a previously undeveloped area, defined as open space land or land devoted to agricultural use.	

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AB 81	Torrico	Oppose (State Update: 6/6/07)	NOW: Still does the same but was recently amended to delete the \$5 million appropriation to conduct a statewide campaign to publicize the existence of safe surrender sites.	Senate Public Safety
		Oppose Unless Amended to delete language that increases the safe surrender time frame from 72 hours to 30 days (State Update: 3/6/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) extended the timeframe to safely surrender a newborn from 72-hours to 30 days; 2) allowed cities to designate fire departments as safe surrender sites as long as they have consulted with county boards of supervisors and child welfare agencies; and 3) provided \$5 million to the California Department of Social Services to conduct a statewide awareness campaign to publicize the safe surrender program and establish a toll-free telephone number to provide information regarding safe surrender sites.	
AB 97	Mendoza	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would limit the use of trans fat by retail food facilities. It would require every food facility to maintain on their premises the labeling information for any food or additive used that includes any fat, oil, or shortening. Effective July 1, 2009, it would prohibit the storage, distribution, serving, or use of any oil, shortening or margarine that contains artificial trans fat, except for the deep frying of yeast dough and cake batter. Beginning July 1, 2010, the use of artificial trans fat for deep frying yeast dough and cake batter also would be prohibited. These restrictions would not apply to food sold in a manufacturer's original, sealed package.	Senate Health
AB 98	Niello	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the State to pay 50 percent of the wage subsidies for CalWORKs participants engaged in subsidized private or public sector employment, subject to the following restrictions: the State's share of a wage subsidy would not exceed 50 percent of the Maximum Aid Payment for the assistance unit which includes the adult receiving the wage subsidy; and State participation would be limited to county programs that provide a maximum of six months of wage subsidies for each participant.	Senate Appropriations
AB 119	Price	Support (State Update: 3/1/07)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2007, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or member of the Assembly or to fill a vacancy in the office of the United States Senate or Representative in Congress. If an election proclaimed by the Governor is consolidated with a local election, the State would pay only the additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor. Urgency measure.	Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments

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AB 166	Bass	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would add provisions to the Labor Code that would expand the presumption of job-related injury for public safety employees to include contracting methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) skin infections.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 184	Bass	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would appropriate \$3 million from the State General Fund to provide Independent Living Program (ILP) services to qualified former foster youth who are: placed with a non-related legal guardian if the child is receiving permanent placement services; placed as wards with a non-related legal guardian who receives AFDC-FC benefits and case management services; or adopted at 14 years of age or older.	Senate Judiciary
AB 190	Bass	Support (State Update: 3/23/07)	Would establish a new child welfare budget methodology to implement the caseload relief recommendations of the SB 2030 Child Welfare Workload Study. Also requires counties to develop a plan, in consultation with parents of children receiving child welfare services, consumers, child advocacy organizations and social worker organizations, for the use of additional funds to provide social workers with additional time or support to enhance casework outcomes for children and families.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 223	Runner	County-sponsored	Would allow those serving in the military, who are called to active duty in the United States on short notice, to be able to cast an absentee/provisional/or faxed ballot allowing those voters to be made a part of the official canvass.	Senate Appropriations
AB 298	Maze	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would facilitate permanency for children placed under legal guardianship with a relative caregiver by: 1) specifying that a relative caregiver's preference for legal guardianship over adoption may not constitute a basis for removing the child from relative caretaker for an adoptive placement; 2) making placement with a relative caregiver as the legal guardian the second option in the order of preference for courts considering child placement; and 3) requiring courts, prior to termination of a legal guardianship, to order the child welfare agency to evaluate whether the child can safely remain or be returned to the guardian's home and if appropriate, offer reunification or family maintenance services to maintain the legal guardianship.	Senate Appropriations
AB 308	Galgiani	Support (State Update: 4/13/07)	Would require the State Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the State Department of Health Care Services, to adopt regulations to provide prompt reimbursement to counties for the provision of services provided under the Federally-mandated Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program.	Senate Health

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AB 335	De Leon	Support (State Update: 3/30/07)	Would allow victims of domestic violence requesting CalWORKs Homeless Assistance to provide a sworn statement in lieu of third-party documentation to verify that homelessness is directly related to domestic violence.	Senate Appropriations
AB 340	Hancock	Support (State Update: 3/23/07)	Would establish the Unified Resources Families Assessment Pilot Project in five volunteer counties selected by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The pilot project would merge multiple, duplicative processes for licensing and approving relatives, foster families and adoptive parents who care for abused and neglected children.	Senate Human Services
AB 419	Lieber	Oppose (State Update: 5/3/07)	Would authorize additional safety employees to receive up to a one year leave of absence with full pay for job related injuries under Labor Code Section 4850.	Senate Appropriations
AB 503	Hernandez	No Position Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	NOW: Was recently amended to make the issue a subject of study. PREVIOUSLY: Would have required public agencies to provide an eight hour written notice to employees prior to working overtime.	Senate Desk
AB 596	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the provisions of the 1937 County Retirement Law to classify physicians working in a county jail or county mental health facility, in Alameda or Los Angeles Counties, as safety members without the need for county board of supervisors' action.	Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security
AB 644	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	NOW: Was amended to place limits on a physician conducting an evaluation of the treatment of services requested for a client injured during work related activities by requiring the reviewing physician to hold an identical type of license to that of the prescribing doctor. PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended the Labor Code to require that physicians performing utilization review of the medical treatment on a workers' compensation case have an "intimate knowledge" of the issues presented for review. Further, it would have required the reviewing physician to look at the treatment requested by the treating physician and not the specialty of practice.	Assembly Insurance
AB 671	Beall	Support (State Update: 5/4/07)	Would require the State Personnel Board to establish an Emancipated Foster Youth Program to provide state employment opportunities for qualified foster youth or former foster youth.	Senate Public Employment and Retirement

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AB 713	Maze, Bass	County-sponsored	Would cite legislative intent to provide enhanced services and financial support to assist youth between the ages of 18 and 21 years to successfully emancipate from foster care. This is a two-year bill.	Assembly Desk
AB 714	Maze, Bass	County-sponsored	Would allow disclosure of birth family records for previously adopted children who return to foster care.	Senate Floor
AB 752	Dymally	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would establish a mechanism to distribute stabilization funds among the public hospital system in years three through five of the Hospital Financing Waiver.	Senate Health
AB 800	Lieu, Brownley, and Krekorian	County-sponsored	Would: 1) amend the Water Code to include a requirement that the local public health officer be immediately notified in the event of a sewage spill; and 2) permit civil fines to be imposed on persons who do not immediately notify the local public health officer when a sewage spill occurs.	Senate Environmental Quality
AB 820	Karnette	Support (Board Action: 5/22/07)	Would prohibit, starting January 1, 2009, all State facilities from selling, possessing or distributing expanded polystyrene (EPS) food containers, with the following conditions: 1) applies to campus facilities on the University of California only if the UC Regents approve the ban; and 2) applies to facilities of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Mental Health, unless those departments' respective directors determine use of expanded polystyrene food containers is the only alternative that would not present a danger to person in their facilities.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 822	Levine	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would require the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in consultation with the California Urban Forestry Council, to award the \$90 million from Proposition 84 for grants to public and non-profit organizations for urban greening. The State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the California Urban Forestry Council, would oversee urban greening planning, set priorities and policy direction, and provide technical assistance, program evaluation and funding.	Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
AB 832	Bass	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would specify the purposes for expending \$90 million in Proposition 84 funds for an urban greening program. Projects that address workforce infrastructure needs within low-income communities and municipal infrastructure improvements would be eligible. Priority would be given to projects that address workforce infrastructure needs in low-income communities and collaborative proposals that result in energy and water savings.	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources

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AB 845 Bass		Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would appropriate \$10.525 million in FY 2006-07 to fully fund the Transitional Housing Program Plus in FY 2006-07, which would provide services for approximately 500 more former foster youth statewide.	Senate Floor
AB 904 Feuer		Support (Board Action: 6/5/07)	Would phase out the use of food packaging that cannot be recycled or composted in communities where it is distributed.	Assembly Inactive File
AB 1010 Hernandez		Support (State Update: 6/15/07)	Would extend the sunset date of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017. AB 1010 would also require: 1) the Authority to provide quarterly updates on the management and remediation plan beginning on April 1, 2008; 2) the Authority to submit status reports every six months beginning March 31, 2008 on plan activities to the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB) and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; and 3) the WRCB, in consultation with the regional board, to provide a report on the Authority's progress. A biennial report would be produced thereafter.	Senate Environmental Quality
AB 1062 Ma		County-sponsored	Would enhance the CalWORKs Homeless and Housing Assistance Program by creating a time-limited rental subsidy for certain qualified CalWORKs families.	Senate Appropriations
AB 1073 Nava		Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the Labor Code to expand the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy and physical therapy treatment sessions available to workers for industrial injuries. It would also limit the reviews of treatment utilization to physicians licensed in California.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
AB 1114 Eng		Support (State Update: 6/15/07)	Would create the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund in the State Treasury. Upon appropriation to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), funding is deposited for allocation to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority for projects that address groundwater contamination in the basin. The Secretary for CalEPA would serve as the Fund custodian and funds allocated to the Authority would be available without regard to fiscal years for projects located within the boundaries of the Authority.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

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AB 1207	Smyth	Oppose (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would: 1) require the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to develop regulations for the land application of biosolids by July 1, 2009; 2) require the standards to be uniform statewide; 3) prohibit a local governmental entity from enacting any ordinance or regulation that is contrary or inconsistent to the CIWMB's regulations on the land application of biosolids; and 4) void any existing or future local ordinance or regulation that contradicts the CIWMB's regulations regarding the composting and disposal of biosolids.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1231	Garcia	Support if Amended as indicated in State Update (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to use funds allocated from Proposition 1C to make infrastructure grants for construction or acquisition of capital assets to qualifying local jurisdictions. This bill addresses: 1) the legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; 3) application review; and 4) the time-limit to complete projects for the \$850 million set aside in Proposition 1C for infill development related activities.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1233	Galgiani	Support (State Update: 4/24/07)	Would require the State Librarian to establish and maintain an online homework assistance program through State Public Libraries. It would also mandate that the online homework assistance program be offered free of charge to all students in the State, and subject to appropriation of funds in the Budget Act, would grant \$3 million annually to the State library for program implementation.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1252	Caballero	Support (State Update: 6/1/07)	Would allocate \$200 million under Proposition 1C for housing-related parks in urban, suburban, and rural areas. The bill would establish the Housing-Related Park Program within the State Department of Housing and Community Development and require the agency, in conjunction with the State Department of Parks and Recreation, to provide grants for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of community or neighborhood parks. Counties and cities would have to meet certain eligibility criteria and issue building permits for housing developments consisting of newly constructed units that are affordable to very low or low-income households.	Senate Transportation and Housing
AB 1275	DeSaulnier	Support (State Update: 6/25/07)	Would authorize a county board of supervisors to increase the fees for certified copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates by up to \$4, upon making findings supporting the need for governmental coordination of multiple agencies dealing with domestic violence.	Senate Local Government

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AB 1303	Smyth	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would create a grant program to allocate \$90 million under Proposition 84 for urban greening in neighborhoods most in need of trees and foliage. The bill would require the State Parks Department to establish a local assistance program for urban greening projects to offer grants to an eligible city, county, or district authorized to provide park, recreational or open-space services or a combination of those services. A higher priority would be assigned to an application meeting specified criteria including projects using existing public lands and serving a community with the greatest need for urban greening.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1315	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would allocate \$200 million in Proposition 1C funds for infill incentive park grants and specify priority be given to projects that focus park creation and development around transportation hubs and train stations.	Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee
AB 1380	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would allocate \$400 million for local and regional parks. Priority would be given for: 1) programs serving at-risk youth; 2) parks that connect development around transportation; 3) parks that link infill development and schools; and 4) regional trail projects that join urban areas to open-space parks and trails.	Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife
AB 1382	Leno	Support (State Update: 5/10/07)	Would eliminate the statutory requirement that adult household members must be fingerprinted through the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) as a condition of eligibility for Food Stamp Only benefits. This bill would retain the current statutory requirement that adult household members applying for CalWORKs or General Relief with food stamps be fingerprinted as a condition of eligibility.	Senate Appropriations
AB 1391	Brownley	No Position	NOW: Still addresses water quality issues but the County-sponsored provisions were transferred to AB 800 (Lieu).	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
AB 1453	Soto	Support (State Update: 6/15/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) amended the Water Code to include a requirement that the local public health officer be immediately notified in the event of a sewage spill; 2) permitted civil fines to be imposed on persons who do not immediately notify the local public health officer when a sewage spill occurs; and 3) required that at least one of the Water Board's seven membership categories include someone with a public health background.	Senate Human Services
			Would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to work with public and private stakeholders to develop a plan to transform California's group homes for foster youth and children with serious emotional disorders (SED) into a residentially based service system.	

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AB 1470	Huffman	Support (Board Action: 6/19/07)	Would enact the Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007, which would establish a new gas utility surcharge to fund a 10-year, \$250 million program to subsidize the installation of solar hot water heaters to offset the need for natural gas. The bill would: 1) exempt customers participating in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) or Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) programs from the surcharge; 2) authorize individuals and families whose household income is at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level to apply for an exemption; and 3) require a gas corporation to provide information to their ratepayers no less than two times per year regarding the availability of these exemptions.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications
AB 1481	De La Torre, Krekorian	Support and Amend to clarify that the general discharge permit would apply to any irrigation uses for which the State Department of Public Health has or will set recycling criteria (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB), on or before July 31, 2009, to establish general discharge permits for landscape irrigation projects utilizing recycled water for which the State Department of Public Health has set recycling criteria, and would authorize the WRCB to establish a reasonable schedule of fees to reimburse the WRCB for the costs it incurs in adopting and administering the general permit. The bill would also require the WRCB to designate an ombudsman to coordinate and facilitate communication on recycled water, and on the issuance of specified water reclamation requirements, and to assist in the implementation of the general permit program established by the bill.	Senate Environmental Quality
AB 1536	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to be the primary agency authorized to administer the housing-related parks grants in urban, suburban, and rural areas, pursuant to the Housing Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account.	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
AB 1581	Fuller	Oppose unless amended to limit the detection of bicycles to intersections along designated bike routes and reimburse local agencies for all costs associated with the bill's requirements (State Update: 6/22/07)	Would: 1) define a traffic-actuated signal as an "official traffic control devise that displays one or more of its indications in response to the presence of traffic detected by mechanical, visual, electrical, or other means"; 2) require upon the first placement or replacement of a traffic-actuated signal, (to the extent feasible and in conformance with professional engineering practices) to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway; 3) provide that cities and counties shall only comply with this requirement once Caltrans has established uniform standards, specifications, and guidelines for the detection of bicycles by traffic-actuated signals and related signal timing; and 4) sunset the bill's provisions on January 1, 2018.	Senate Appropriations

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AB 1602	Nuñez	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would establish the Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Grant Program in the State Resources Agency and allocate \$90 million in Proposition 84 funds for urban greening projects via grants to local public agencies and non-profit organizations for the purpose of improving the sustainability and livability of communities through the development of green infrastructure that provides multiple benefits, including improved air and water quality, energy and water conservation, climate change mitigation, recreational, and other community benefits.	Senate Environmental Quality
AJR 20	Feuer	Support (Board Action: 6/5/07)	Would urge the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee's issuance of a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the late Mayor Tom Bradley.	Senate Floor
SB 46	Perata	Support and Amend to:	1) remove for profit or nonprofit entities as eligible applicants; 2) use 50 percent of the Area Median Income for the income levels for the affordable units; and 3) require nongovernmental applicants to show support from the local government in which the real property is located (State Update: 5/18/07)	Assembly Housing and Community Development
SB 55	Florez	Oppose Unless Amended to exclude sewage sludge from a POTW that is transferred from the facility for further treatment and disposal by another POTW with a waste discharge requirement issued by the regional boards (State Update: 5/11/07)	Would require publicly owned treatment works (POTW) to submit certification to the regional water quality control board that any sewage sludge transferred from the facility for disposal or further processing meets regional board POTW requirements and standards for pollutants. The bill would require the POTW to submit the certification to any person or facility that accepts sewage sludge from that POTW for disposal or processing, and require the POTW to submit certification to haulers transporting the sewage sludge that it is nonhazardous, including whether the sewage belongs to a particular class, or contains other pathogens.	Senate Appropriations Senate Suspense File
SB 119	Cedillo	Support (State Update: 2/8/07)	Would increase the scope of benefits and reimbursement rates for Drug Medi-Cal to provide access to an appropriate continuum of care for youths from 12 to 20 years of age suffering from substance abuse disorders.	Assembly Appropriations

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SB 120	Padilla, Migden	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would require that all chain restaurants in the State with ten or more outlets provide nutrition information on their menus that includes for each menu item the total number of calories, grams of saturated fat, grams of trans fat, and milligrams of sodium. On a menu board, it would only require the total number of calories for each item.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 134	Cedillo	County-sponsored	Would lift the retirement cap for those public safety employees of the Sheriff's Department hired prior to April 1997.	Assembly Floor
SB 137	Torlakson	Oppose (State Update: 6/25/07)	Would increase the income eligibility cap for the California Children's Services program from \$40,000 adjusted gross income, to 400 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$82,600 for a family of four. The bill provides no additional funding for this purpose.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 145	Corbett	Support (State Update: 5/1/07)	Would extend the current June 30, 2007 deadline for transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the State Judicial Council to December 31, 2008. Urgency measure.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 156	Simitian	Support and Amend as indicated in the Board Actions Report (Board Action: 3/6/07)	Would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008 and would place it on the 2008 statewide primary ballot. If approved by the voters, it would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4 billion for library construction and renovation. The County is requesting that the bill be amended to: 1) include a deadline for awarding bond funds; 2) develop a streamlined and shorter application process; 3) consider per capita or geographical distribution as a factor in determining awards; 4) allow agencies up to one year to conduct an election if required to obtain matching funds through a local bond measure; and 5) require recipients to take immediate responsibility for project construction and demonstrate that funds are available to operate new facility.	Senate Appropriations

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SB 184	Alquist, Correa	Support (State Update: 6/22/07)	Would revise the way a local entity may be reimbursed by the State for advance expenditures on a transportation project contained in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by: 1) limiting the reimbursement to projects programmed in the current year of the STIP; 2) requiring the local or regional entity to request an allocation from the CTC within 12 months of its first expenditure of local funds on a qualified project; 3) requiring the CTC to approve the project for future allocation should there be insufficient funds in the State Highway Account to allocate to a project; and 4) prohibiting the CTC from establishing a timeframe limiting reimbursement to a local or regional agency.	Assembly Transportation
SB 201	Florez	Oppose unless amended to eliminate the provisions requiring the additional water quality testing and maintenance of water quality records by the growers (State Update 6/22/07)	Would: 1) describe various practices that shall not be engaged in by growers, handlers, shippers or processors of leafy green vegetables including using uncomposted, incompletely composted, or non-thermally treated manure as fertilizer or soil amendments in fields, maintaining toilet facilities or other receptacles for human excreta in fields, using irrigation water that exceeds acceptable contamination levels, or selling, transferring, or otherwise putting into the production or distribution chain, any leafy green vegetable that exceeds acceptable contamination levels; 2) provide that a violation of these provisions, or any regulation adopted by the State Department of Public Health (SDPH) is a civil penalty up to #10,000 per occurrence; and 3) provide that SDPH may impose a fine not exceeding \$25,000 per occurrence.	Assembly Agriculture
SB 208	Runner	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would prohibit the State from assessing or collecting licensing fees from any county for the operation of a Stat-licensed correctional treatment center. It also would prohibit the State from shifting the costs of this licensing fee exemption to other licensed health facilities.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 286	Lowenthal, Dutton	Support (State Update: 4/24/07)	Would require that the bond funds from Proposition 1B for local streets and roads be allocated by the State Controller in two cycles that cover four years, with the first cycle of payments to be made to eligible local agencies not later than January 1, 2008, and the second round to be made not later than January 1, 2010. At least half of each eligible local agency's total allocation amount must be made during the first cycle and all funds must be spent within three years from the date of allocation. Urgency measure.	Assembly Transportation

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SB 292	Wiggins	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would state Legislative intent to develop conditions and criteria for allocating \$90 million in funds from Proposition 84 for urban greening. The bill would require the Secretaries for Environmental Protection and Resources to establish a planning grant program for local and regional agencies to develop urban greening plans. Further, the bill would create a program of grants, rebates, and loans for local and regional agencies that have an adopted urban greening plan.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 297	Romero	County-sponsored	Would authorize counties to impose a local tax of not more than five percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to continue to provide essential public services, including emergency and trauma care.	Senate Governmental Organization
SB 352	Padilla	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the Labor Code to eliminate current restrictions on chiropractic, occupational therapy and physical therapy visits by law enforcement employees recovering from work related injuries.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 680	Ridley-Thomas	Support (Board Action: 4/17/07)	Would appropriate funds to permanently establish the Special Needs Assistance Program to facilitate the inclusion of children with disabilities and other special needs in State-subsidized child care programs.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 720	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 5/7/07)	Would facilitate the joint placement of foster youth teen parents with their children.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 732	Steinberg	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would require the State Parks Department to allocate \$400 million from Proposition 84 for local and regional parks to three competitive programs for projects in: 1) heavily urbanized counties; 2) urbanized counties; and 3) non-urbanized counties; and would develop a competitive grant program to allocate \$90 million in Proposition 84 funds for urban greening. Would also require the Sustainable Communities Council to develop and implement a local assistance grant program to distribute \$200 million under Proposition 1C for housing-related parks in urban, suburban, and rural areas.	Assembly Local Government
SB 767	Ridley-Thomas	County-sponsored	Would provide protection from civil and criminal liability for medical professionals who administer opioid antagonists, in good faith, to someone who is believed to be experiencing a drug overdose and it also would release licensed health care professionals from civil and criminal liability when, if acting with reasonable care, they prescribe, dispense, distribute, or administer an opioid antagonist.	Assembly Health

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SB 776	Vincent	Support (State Update: 5/4/07)	Would allow county child welfare agencies to exchange criminal record clearances when a child in foster care moves with a relative or non-relative extended family caretaker from one county to another.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 856	Runner	County-sponsored	Would allow Los Angeles County to install customized street name signs that better portray the city/community in he unincorporated areas of the County.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 893	Cox	Oppose (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would shift all voter-approved ballot initiative Proposition 10 revenue away from all county First 5 Commissions and direct it to the Statewide California Children and Families Commission to distribute for the purpose of providing health care services to children.	Failed Passage in Senate Health
SB 936	Perata	Oppose (State Update: 5/3/07)	Would increase the disability benefits paid to employees injured during the course of employment. Payments to those injured after January 1, 2008, would be increased with additional benefit increases for those injured after January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2010.	Assembly Insurance
SB 942	Migden	Oppose (State Update: 3/30/07)	Would establish a rebuttable presumption of employer discrimination if an employee, disabled by an employment related injury or illness, is not reinstated to his or her regular position within one day of release by the treating physician. Further, it would be a misdemeanor for the employer to refuse to reinstate the employee within the one day period.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 959	Romero	County-sponsored	Would authorize a board of supervisors to permit the Sheriff and the Chief Probation Officer to mandate an electronic monitoring sentence, while also keeping the voluntary provision in place.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 990	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would require as a condition for any sale, lease, or sublease, or transfer of any land presently or formerly occupied by the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, also known as Rocketdyne, that the Director of Toxic Substances Control certify that the land has undergone complete remediation pursuant to specified protective standards. Further, it would authorize the Department of Toxic Substance Control to compel a responsible party or parties to take or pay for appropriate removal or remediation action necessary to protect public health and safety and the environment at the Susana Field Laboratory site in Ventura County.	Assembly Appropriations

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SB 1001	Perala	Oppose (State Update: 4/13/07)	Would reduce the membership of regional water quality control boards from nine to five persons and completely restructure the composition of those boards, eliminating the members representing county and municipal government.	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials